# Interview Summary

Application No.

O9/280,518

FUJIWARA, KENSUKE

Examiner

David Yockey

Applicant(s)

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):	
(1) Michael A. Makuch, Esq. (Applicant's Rep.). (3)	
(2) <u>David Yockey (Examiner)</u> . (4)	
Date of Interview: 24 May 2001.	
Type: a)☐ Telephonic b)☐ Video Conference c)☒ Personal [copy given to: 1)☐ applicant 2)☒ applicant's represe	ntative]
Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If Yes, brief description:	
Claim(s) discussed: <u>1 and 2</u>	
Identification of prior art discussed: Admitted Prior Art (Application Figs. 5 and 6) are	nd Arevalo (US 6,104,986) .
Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached.	. h)□ N/A.
Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agree reached, or any other comments: <u>See Continuation Sheet</u> .	ed to if an agreement was
(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examin allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)	
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DAVID F. YOCKEY PRIMARY EXAMINER Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed proposed changes to claims 1 and 2 (see attached sheets). Mr. Yockey indicated that the claim amendments appear to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. With respect to the prior art, Mr. Makuch indicated that the range of intervals is not intended to be narrowed to the extent that the target potential would be missed (as indicated in the attached drawing); however, Mr. Yockey indicated that the support for this concept could not be found in the original disclosure.



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1. (Three Times Amended) A laser intensity adjusting method of adjusting a maximum intensity of a laser exposure mechanism for irradiating laser light to a surface of a photoreceptor to which a uniform potential is being given by a corona discharger, the method comprising:

a first potential detecting step including the steps of (i) [exposing photoreceptor surface portions to laser lights of] obtaining a first plurality of laser [intensities, obtained] intensity values by dividing a predetermined laser intensity value [into] by a first plurality of selected values such that said intensity values of said first plurality thereof increase from an initial value to said predetermined intensity value according to a first [intervals, and] interval. (ii) respectively exposing a surface portion of said photoreceptor surface with a laser light having an intensity corresponding to each of said first plurality of intensity values to provide exposed photoreceptor surface portions, and (iii) detecting [potentials] the potential of [the] each of said exposed photoreceptor surface portions [exposed to the laser lights of the plurality of laser intensities, wherein] whereby each of said potentials corresponds to one of said [plurality of] laser intensities corresponding to said first plurality of intensity values;

laser intensity values by dividing [the] said predetermined laser intensity value [into a plurality of second intervals so as to set a plurality of laser intensities, wherein] by a second plurality of selected values such that said intensity values of said second plurality thereof increase from an initial value to said predetermined intensity value according to a second interval, said second

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[plurality of intervals are] interval being smaller than said first [plurality of intervals] interval, [and] said [plurality of laser intensities are in a range including a] laser intensity values of said second plurality being selected to be close to a laser intensity value corresponding to [a] one selected potential selected from the potentials detected [at the] during said first potential detecting; step, [and wherein the] said one selected potential [is] being closest[, out of the potentials detected at the first potential detecting step,] to a predetermined set potential, (ii) respectively exposing a surface portion of said photoreceptor surface with laser light having an intensity corresponding to each of said second plurality of intensity values to provide exposed photoreceptor surface portions [to laser lights of the plurality of laser intensities thus set], and (iii) detecting [potentials] the potential of [the] each of said exposed photoreceptor surface portions [exposed to the laser lights of the plurality of laser intensities]; and

a step of (i) repeating [the] said second potential detecting step until there is obtained a potential equal to or substantially equal to [the] said predetermined set potential, and (ii) setting, as [the] said maximum intensity, [the] a laser intensity corresponding to [the] said potential thus obtained[,

wherein the plurality of laser intensities in the first potential detecting step are set within a range that is narrower than a full range from zero to the predetermined laser intensity value, and wherein an optimal maximum intensity lies within said full range.

2. (Three Times Amended) A laser intensity adjusting method of adjusting a maximum intensity of a laser exposure mechanism for irradiating laser light to a surface of a photoreceptor to which a uniform potential is being given by a corona discharger, the method comprising:

a first potential detecting step including the steps of (i) [exposing photoreceptor surface portions to laser lights of a] obtaining a first plurality of laser [intensities set at first intervals, and] intensity values that increase from an initial value to a predetermined value according to a first interval. (ii) exposing a surface portion of said photoreceptor surface with laser light having an intensity corresponding to each of said first plurality of intensity values to provide exposed photoreceptor surface portions, and (iii) detecting [potentials] the potential of [the] each of said exposed photoreceptor surface portions [exposed to the laser lights of the plurality of laser intensities];

laser intensity values that increase from an initial value to a predetermined value according to a second interval, said second interval being smaller than said first interval. (ii) respectively exposing a surface portion of said photoreceptor surface with laser light having an intensity corresponding to each of said second plurality of intensity values to provide exposed photoreceptor surface portions [to laser lights of a plurality of laser intensities which are set, at second intervals smaller than the first intervals and are in a range including a laser intensity with which there has been detected, at the first potential detecting step, a potential which is closest, out of the potentials detected at the first potential detecting step, to a predetermined set

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potential], and (ii) detecting [potentials of] the <u>potential of each of said exposed</u> photoreceptor surface portions [exposed to the laser lights of the plurality of laser intensities]; and

a step of setting, as [the] a maximum intensity of the laser exposure mechanism, a laser intensity with which there has been detected, at [the] said first or said second potential detecting step, a potential equal to or substantially equal to [the] a predetermined set potential,

wherein [the plurality of laser intensities in the first potential detecting step are set within a range that is narrower than a full range from zero to a predetermined laser intensity value, and wherein an optimal maximum intensity lies within said full range] said second potential detecting step is repeated until there is obtained a potential equal to or substantially equal to [the] said predetermined set potential, and said laser intensities corresponding to said second plurality of intensity values are selected to be close to a laser intensity value corresponding to a potential detected during said first potential detecting step as closest to said predetermined set potential.

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